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SUBJECT: NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY: LAND FORCES SUB-GROUP

REF: A. USNATO 4866; B. USNATO 4907; C. STATE 196379 (NOTAL)

1. AT MEETING OCT 16 SUB-GROUP COMPLETED WORK ON SECOND WORKING PAPER ON POSSIBILITIES OF LAND FORCES SPECIALIZATION IN CENTRAL REGION (TEXT REFS A AND B). REVISIONS WERE MADE IN A NUMBER OF PLACES THROUGHOUT PAPER TO STRENGTHEN CASE FOR NETHERLANDS PURCHASE OF LANCE. US REP (TUCKER), WHILE PARTICIPATING ON PERSONAL BASIS, ADVISED SUB-GROUP PER REF C THAT HE WAS IN NO SECRET

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POSITION TO ENDORSE PAPER.

2. REVISED PAPER WILL BE ISSUED IN FORM OF A REPORT BY THE SUB-GROUP TO THE STEERING GROUP OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. WE

EXPECT TO CABLE IT TO WASHINGTON NO LATER THAN OCT 24. MISSION
WILL NEED INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO STEERING GROUP MEETING PLANNED
FOR NOV 2.

3. ON OCT 16 A MEMBER OF THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION TOLD US THAT
IN HIS JUDGEMENT, MINISTER OF DEFENSE VREDELING WOULD RECOMMEND
LANCE PROCUREMENT IF NATO STUDY WAS SUFFICIENTLY CONVINCING.
BECAUSE OF COST, HOWEVER, THE CABINET WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE
QUESTION BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION, AND THAT WILL BE MORE
DIFFICULT.

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